One of the main reasons we became subscribers is that regular ground based radio stations are transmitter area limited to where XM goes anywhere in the lower 48 states even in the most rural areas and Texas has alot of "no where land" to where ground based radio stations do not exist along with many other states in the south/southwest.

The new traffic/weather channels that were recently added we've found to be an Excellent information tool for use in the Dallas/Fort Worth area as I volunteer as a FCC licensed amateur radio operator with our local SKYWARN ARES/RACES groups during severe weather which directly benefits The National Weather Service, local media and most importantly the Safety of the General Public!

Our family travels quite abit across this great land of ours and having the convenience of any type of music, news, sports, weather/traffic information at the push of a button without having to worry "are we in radio station reception range yet?" is a thing of the past which makes XM Satellite Radio one of the best innovations since the car and radio were invented many years ago.

I Respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160.

Sincerely,

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